



REMARKS

The Official Action of August 18, 2006, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application remain claims 15-16, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and such allowance are respectfully urged.

Claims 15 and 16 remain in the application for consideration.

The Examiner has rejected claims 16 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sussman '195 in view of Braun '819 in view of Wantling '447. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection as applied to claim 15 as amended.

As the Examiner will note, claim 15 has been amended to specifically claim the angle formed between tangents (T_2 , T_3) shown in Fig. 1 and described in the last paragraph on page 7 through to the first paragraph on page 8 of the disclosure as being less than 70%. Applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching or showing whatever of the claimed angle in the combination of prior art cited by the Examiner even if such combination were presumed obvious (not admitted).

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The claimed angle between tangents (T_2 , T_3) has been determined by Applicant to be critical to the application of mascara to eyelashes by the bristles on the two resulting cores formed by the claimed method. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claimed invention clearly patentably defines over the cited prior art combination based on the above critical structural distinction.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently pertinent to warrant their applications against any of applicant's claims.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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